

CLAIMS

1. A method of neutralizing opponents in a terrorist and/or hostage situation where said terrorists are within a confined space comprising:
 - creating an opening in said space apart from the normal openings therein such as windows or doors,
 - inserting an inert gas into said space in an amount calculated to render the terrorists unconscious
 - venting said space of said inert gas so as to provide air to allow the occupants to obtain consciousness.
2. A method as in claim 1 wherein the inert gas is inserted into said space in amount comprising 12 to 15% of the air in the space.
3. A method as in claim 1 wherein the opening in said space is created by a lance connected to a battering ram.
4. A method as in claim 3 wherein said lance has an aperture therein which allows gas to flow into said space.
4. A method as in claim 1 wherein said opening is already present and the gas is introduced under a door of the space.
6. A method as in claim 1 wherein said space is the inside of a structure.
7. A method as in claim 1 wherein said space is the passenger compartment of

a commercial airliner.

8. A method as in claim 1 wherein said inert gas is CO₂.
9. A method as in claim 8 wherein said CO₂ is introduced so as to be 12 to 15% of of the air within the space.
10. A inert gas neutralizing system for use against terrorists and/or hostage takers within a confined space, said system comprising
 - a source of inert gas,
 - means to create an opening in said space,
 - and means to deliver said inert gas from said source into said space.
11. A system as in claim 10 wherein said gas source is a tank with a delivery hose.
12. A system as in claim 10 wherein said means to create an opening in said space comprises a battering ram for punching a hole in a wall or door.
13. A system as in claim 10 wherein said means to deliver said gas from said source to said space comprises a hollow lance, said lance being connected to said battering ram.
14. A system as in claim 13 wherein said lance means has a valve thereon whereby the flow of gas can be controlled.

15. A system as in claim 14 wherein said lance has dissipation holes therein whereby the gas may disperse into the confined space.
16. A system as in claim 10 wherein said inert gas is CO₂.
17. A system as in claim 11 wherein the means for creating an opening in said space and the means to deliver said gas are the same member.
18. A system as in claim 17 wherein said member comprises a hollow lance for introducing gas into said space and the opening for said lance is created by a portion of said member being a battering ram.
19. A system as in claim 18 wherein said member has an adjustment valve thereon for regulating the amount of gas that flows into said space.
20. A system as in claim 10 wherein said system is mounted inside a commercial aircraft and said means to create an opening into the space, which is a passenger compartment, is a remote valve controlled from the aircraft cockpit.